

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, CA 96002

PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

Consideration of Renewal of Waste Discharge Requirements
(National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. CA0004596)
for

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
MOUNT SHASTA FISH HATCHERY
SISKIYOU COUNTY**

The California Department of Fish and Game owns and operates a fish hatchery at #3 North Old Stage Road in Mount Shasta with surface water discharge to Cold and Wagon Creeks, tributaries to Lake Siskiyou.

The hatchery has an annual production of 100,000 pounds (lbs) of rainbow trout, 6,000 lbs of brown trout, and 4,000 lbs of brook trout. The water supply enters a settling pond for pretreatment prior to hatchery use. The Discharger currently discharges an average of 11.6 mgd of fish hatchery flow-through wastewater with a design maximum of 13.8 mgd. An average of 10.7 mgd of flow-through hatchery wastewater from Building B, the earthen and concrete raceways, and the spawning houses enters one of two settling ponds prior to discharging to Cold Creek. Approximately 0.97 mgd of wastewater from Building E and a rearing pond thence to a single settling pond prior to discharge to Wagon Creek. The Discharge flows across a private agricultural property prior to discharge to a private impoundment called Brown's Lake. The upper raceways have an overflow channel which discharges to Pond 38.

The Discharger's mailing address is: Mount Shasta Hatchery, #3 North Old Stage Road, Mount Shasta, CA 96067. The discharge from the Facility is currently regulated under existing Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R5-2004-0116 and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CA0004596. The Discharger submitted a Report of Waste Discharge and requested renewal of the existing NPDES permit. Staff recommends the Regional Water Quality Control Board adopt the NPDES permit regulating the discharges from the facility.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: **13/14 August 2009**
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

Known designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Staff of the Regional Water Board
- California Department of Fish and Game

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Regional Board and must be received no later than **5 p.m. on 12 July 2009**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit evidence and/or comments in writing to the Regional Board no later than **5 p.m. on 12 July 2009**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5 p.m. on 12 July 2009** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record, unless the Regional Board agrees to accept the evidence or comments and if doing so would not prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Regional Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross-examination will be limited in time by the Regional Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding this issue should contact Kevin Kratzke at (530) 224-4850. Interested parties may download the proposed Orders and related documents from the Regional Board Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. The proposed item and related documents may also be inspected and copied at the Regional Board's office at 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 100, Redding, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. You may contact **Kevin Kratzke at (530) 224-4850** to arrange to review the files.

The procedures governing Regional Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Regional Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Regional Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Regional Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

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